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June 28, 1999

Mr. Greg Vadner
Director
Missouri Department of Social Services
Division of Medical Services
P.O. Box 6500
Jefferson City, Missouri 65102-6500

Dear Mr. Vadner:

Re: Premium >
\$1226 - 300% of FPL
Under 1115

This is in response to your June 4 letter requesting a waiver modification to allow an increase in the monthly premium for a specific group of Medicaid beneficiaries in your Section 1115 Medicaid demonstration project entitled, MC+. Specifically, the monthly premium for children with income between 226 percent and 300 percent of the Federal Poverty Level (FPL) will increase from \$65 to \$68. This request is mandated by Missouri statute because the premium level for the Missouri Consolidated Health Care Plan (MCHCP) is increasing and the premium level for those in MC+ is calculated to be 133 percent of the MCHCP premium.

On January 11, we granted you a waiver of Section 1916(a)(1) "To enable the State to charge premiums up to \$65 for those children below age 19 with family incomes between 226 and 300 percent of the FPL." We are approving your request to a modification of this waiver to allow the increase in premiums. The waiver has been modified to read "To enable the State to charge premiums up to \$68 for those children below age 19 with family incomes between 226 and 300 percent of the FPL."

Please feel free to call Nancy Goetschius at (410) 786-0707 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,


Mike Fiore
Director

cc: J Flynn, KCRO

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We appreciate your efforts to provide health care coverage for those 3,500 children who would not otherwise have access to it under the MC+ for Kids program. We wish you continued success with your program. Please feel free to call Nancy Goetschius at (410) 786-0707 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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Michael McMullen
Acting Deputy Administrator

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